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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Timothy E. Benson et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Serial No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: CRYSTALLIZATION AND STRUCTURE DETERMINATION OF  
GLYCOSYLATED HUMAN BETA SECRETASE, AN ENZYME  
IMPLICATED IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, this paragraph is also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate the changes made.

This is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/808,262, filed March 14, 2001 (pending), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/747,420, filed December 23, 2000, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

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